

Neighborhood News

City of Bellevue

News for and about Bellevue Neighborhoods

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Bellevue neighborhoods have the spirit of generosity . . .

Neighborhoods, businesses and faith organizations are joining hands this summer to help Bellevue families weather the economic downturn. Working together through the city's Neighbor Link project, groups are finding creative ways to strengthen community spirit and support neighbors in need. To mention just a few examples of the generosity sweeping Bellevue:



- Across the city, neighborhoods and businesses are collecting food to replenish food bank shelves;
- Remembering the importance of furry friends, Forest Ridge neighborhoods have collected more than 800 pounds of food for both humans and pets.
- Mockingbird Hill is compiling a "volunteer bank" to help families in need of help.
- Surrey Downs is holding a series of events, including a benefit garage sale and bake sale (the proceeds of which neighbors are donating to HopeLink in honor of late Councilman Phil Noble).
- St. Luke's is planning two benefit concerts for local human services agencies.
- At Foursquare Church, the congregation is collecting food and hosting a picnic and carnival for families.
- Whole Foods Market, Bellevue is donating food for an event honoring neighborhood charitable efforts.
- Intelius is sponsoring free family films, and My Gym is providing free and reduced price gymnastics for children whose families are hurt by the recession.

. . . and the spirit of celebration!



The City of Bellevue and Whole Foods Market, Bellevue are showing their appreciation for neighborhood generosity by sponsoring a gala celebration on the front lawn of City Hall on the evening of Thursday, July 23. The event gets underway at 6:00 p.m. with a picnic dinner catered by Whole Foods and lively musical entertainment by the Two Scoops combo. In addition, special awards –again sponsored by Whole Foods – will be presented to neighborhoods that came up with the most creative recession relief projects.

If your neighborhood hasn't joined in, there's still time to be a part of Neighbor Link. Neighborhood Outreach staff will help you succeed by providing ideas, neighborhood banners, flyers, food bins, food pick-up and more. And if can't get your neighborhood to participate, you and your family can still attend the July 23 event by bringing a bag of non-perishable food for the food bank. Contact Julie Ellenhorn, 425-452-5372 or jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov for more information, or visit the Neighbor Link webpage at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/neighbor-link.htm>.

Where to get help / where to give help

Helpful resources for dealing with the recession and its impacts is just a click away on the Bellevue Cares web site at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/recession-community-resources.htm>. You can find emergency assistance, financial counseling, health care, housing and foreclosure information and more to help you, your friends or your family through difficult times. For those who have time or resources to give, the Bellevue Cares web site also provides links to volunteer opportunities.

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Help in these tough economic times

A neighborhood landmark bites the dust

One of Bellevue's most distinctive neighborhood entry treatments succumbed to iron jaws last month. The tiered Somerset fountain – dominant feature of Newport Way since the 1960s – was demolished to make way for an updated and lower maintenance entry treatment.

The old fountain will be remembered fondly by long-time Somerset residents and by generations of bubble-bath-armed pranksters. The new Somerset entry is due for completion this summer.



The project was selected by Somerset area residents as a Neighborhood Enhancement Project in 2007. Additional funds were provided by the Somerset Community Association and the City's Neighborhood Match Program. Once the project was selected as an NEP project, City staff and representatives from the Somerset Community Association worked closely together to develop the concept and final design. In addition to the main entry on Newport Way, the entries at 148th Avenue SE / SE 45th Place and in the median on Highland Drive near SE 52nd Place will be upgraded with new signs and landscaping.

Westbound I-90 will be closed in July

Starting July 6, the [westbound lanes of the I-90 floating bridge](#) will be closed around the clock for up to three weeks for major safety repairs. State traffic engineers say hour-long backups are possible between Issaquah and Seattle.

To help motorists plan ahead, the state has added to its web site:

- **New traffic cameras** – [five new traffic cameras](#) on the I-90 corridor will help motorists spot the backups before they leave home.
- **Travel time graphs** – print out a [handy graph for your glove box](#), showing the best and worst times to travel.
- **Mercer Island detour map** – only two [westbound I-90 on-ramps](#) will be available in July – 77th Avenue SE and Island Crest Way.
- **Commute options** – the web site offers several [recommended commute options](#) to beat the backups, including traveling early, working from home, vanpooling, carpooling, using transit, bicycle commuting or taking alternate routes.
- **Twitter** – The state will send real-time traffic conditions via Twitter. Motorists can sign up to receive the information while they're in their vehicles to help them choose their routes once they leave home.

For more information on the I-90 maintenance project, see www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I90/HomerHadleyBridgeRepair/.

July meetings

(All meetings are in City Hall unless otherwise noted. Agendas are subject to change. You may confirm with Neighborhood Outreach the day before or day of the meeting. Or consult the city web pages listed below to download agendas.)

Mini City Hall at Crossroads will be closed July 1-5 and July 12-13 for remodeling. The facility will be open 10-3 in an interim location adjacent to center court July 6-11. All city offices are closed July 3-4.

7/6 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Bellevue-King County Interlocal Agreement on Bel-Red Regional Transfer of Development Rights, application of Andrews Glen Rezone (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative Annual Report, management brief on King County Growth Targets, Library Board appointment, Consent Calendar, Cascade Water Alliance Bond Issuance, amendments to City Code regarding Shopping Cart Abandonment, Interlocal Agreement for distribution of jail property proceeds to cities http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

7/7 Arts Commission (4:00, 1E-109) Bellevue Sculpture Exhibition, Bel-Red arts district http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm

7/7 Human Services Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Review 2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

7/7 East Bellevue Community Council (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd) Hearing on issues relating to consistency with new Bel-Red Overlay, Shopping Cart Land Use Code Amendment and Islamic Center Eastside design review; reports on St. Louise Parish School upgrade, communications on Traffic Standards Code Amendments, Shoreline Master Program http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm

7/8 Planning Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Shopping Cart Land Use Code Amendments (LUCA) public hearing, wayfinding kiosk presentation, 2009 Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) – Capital Facilities Element, Shoreline Master Program http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

7/9 Bellevue Network on Aging (8:30 a.m., 1E-120) Kirkland Senior Council's "Influencing Your Elected Officials" DVD presentation, committee reports, Human Services Needs Update status report http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm

7/9 Environmental Services Commission (5:30 – 8:30, meet at Service First) 2009 Utilities Capital Investment Program (CIP) tour (Note: Transportation will be provided for the Commission and staff only) http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro_serv_comm.htm

7/9 Transportation Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Mode Share Survey results, citywide Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan initial phase http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm

7/13 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Sound Transit 2 Update, Neighborhood Character Phase 2, Comcast Cable TV Franchise extension http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

7/14 Parks & Community Services Board (6:00, Council Conference Room) Agenda to be determined http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm

7/20 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Transportation Development Review Code Amendments, Parks and Open Space Plan Update, Multi-family Housing Tax Exemption (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar, approval of application for Andrews Glen Rezone, Neighborhood Character Phase 2 Land Use Code Amendments http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

7/22 Planning Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Housing work program, Shoreline Master Program http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

7/27 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Public hearing on Local Revitalization Financing, West Lake Sammamish Parkway Phase 1, Electrical Reliability, Regional Issues http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

7/28 Meydenbauer Bay Steering Committee (5:00, 1E-108/113) Agenda to be announced http://www.bellevuewa.gov/meydenbauer_project_intro.htm

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